

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION AND IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Will Be Held in Albuquerque, September 29th to October 10th Low Rate to Metropolis During This Event.

For the 16th National Irrigation Congress to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 29th to October 3rd, 1908, inclusive, the Southern Railway Company of Texas in connection with the Eastern Railway of New Mexico will offer unusually low and attractive rates. It is suggested that those desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity to visit Albuquerque, and assist in making this national event a memorable and successful one, notify the railway agent as much in advance as possible in order that necessary facilities and train service may be arranged for their accommodation. Tickets will be on sale from September 23 to September 28, inclusive, with return limit October 31st. The round trip fare from Higgins, Texas will be \$16.60.

F. E. STEVENS, D. L. MEYERS, Agt. Higgins, GPA, Amarillo.

'Gene Fields's One Best Joke.

"The appearance of Mrs. Humphry Ward at the Hudson theater, before the League for Political Education, coincidentally with the run of the Barnum & Bailey circus at the Madison Square Garden, reminded me of a story that Eugene Field once told me while we were campaigning in the Teche country, the country of Evangeline, in Louisiana.

We were in the midst of the long-bearded oaks that picture the weird and naturally suggest in the gloaming the people of the forests with human forms perched high among the branches. Mr. Field told the story often with infinite variation, always creditable to all concerned, however, as was his wont, so that neither Mrs. Ward nor the shade of the great P. T. need dread repetition ad infinitum.

"I was sojourning in London at the time," quoth Eugene the general, "getting rid of my small inheritance in a chaise after literary lions and lioneses. I had arrived at the supreme distinction of being invited to dinner, with Mrs. Humphrey Ward on my right and a round, garrulous, bibulous retired admiral on my left. The admiral did not interest me in the least, while he bored me nearly to death. I was crazy to get something from Mrs. Ward, but she simply ignored me as if I had been an empty chair, devoting her attention to some important persons opposite. Had I been an empty chair she might have honored me by placing her handkerchief on me, or some other attention, but to her literary highness I was seemingly not there at all.

"Near the close of the dinner I was growing desperate and thought me to 'throw a fit' or do something else to attract notice, but I was saved by a happy turn of the conversation which gave me an opening, and these whiskered oaks remind me of the occasion.

"The Barnum & Bailey circus had just ventured to invade Europe and was showing in London at the time. Someone was telling of the wonders of the show, and especially the collection of human freaks from all over the globe. These paraded in the grand entree and created a sensation that was the talk of the day. Finally, Mrs. Ward became interested in this turn and asked: 'I wonder where ever Mr. Barnum found all those wonderful anthropological monstrosities, and how he manages to keep them together? I should think it would be great responsibility. By the way, Mr. Field (turning for the first time to the left-hand neighbor at table), 'you are an American, I believe, and perhaps know Mr. Barnum. Possibly you could enlighten us on the matter.'

"Yes, madame," replied Eugene. "I not only know Mr. Barnum personally, but I owe him the greatest debt of gratitude that one human being can owe another. He has been more than a father to me, and I can tell you, perhaps, better than anyone else, how he manages to keep his people together as easily as he does. Mr. Barnum is a great philanthropist first, and a showman only incidentally. Kindness to animals, and especially to unfortunate human beings, is his passion. Not only does he rescue the specimens which he collects, and train out from the depths of savagery, but he educates them to be intelligent and happy and to live together as a happy family. Those human curiosities that you have seen parading in the show are really serving in the first processes of civilized evolution. Some day they will disappear from the show, but not to die. Some school has received them, and in time they will issue from some university to take up the battle of life of terms of equality with the most favored."

You do not hear of the transformation, because Mr. Barnum is a very modest man and is especially shy of advertising his sacred virtues but I am so filled with gratitude for what he has done for me that I can not keep quiet when there is any excuse for expression. I owe the pleasure of being here tonight to Mr. Barnum, and, if I may be permitted, I will tell you about it. When Mr. Barnum discovered me

I was roosting in a tree in south-western Missouri."

It is needless to say that the story ended there, for in spite of British obtuseness to American humor the fiction was obvious. There was only one more remark on the subject, and this came from Mrs. Ward. "How very extraordinary! Did you come down out of the tree of your own accord, Mr. Field, or did Mr. Barnum have to shoot you?"

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., May 13, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that John W. Campbell, of Tucumcari, N. M., who, on January 14, 1907, made homestead entry No. 14291, for 64 sec. 12, tp. 11N, range 31E, meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before R. P. Donohoo, Probate Clerk of Quay county, at his office in Tucumcari, N. M., on the 15th day of June 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: L. R. Sherrod, W. V. Smith, T. E. Rost, and A. B. Rost, all of Tucumcari, N. M. Edward W. Fox, Register 5-16

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Notice is hereby given that John C. McDonald of Grady N. M. who on Sept 10, 1906, made homestead entry No. 10855, for 64 sec. 12, tp. 11N, range 31E, meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described, before R. P. Donohoo, probate clerk of Quay county, at his office in Tucumcari N. M. on the 15th day of June 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jas L. Lasswell, John Q. Williams, Wm H. Brown and Harry Clark all of Grady N. M. Edward W. Fox, Register

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Claimant names as witnesses: E. F. Crump, C. E. Summer, Joe Haefner and W. R. Crump, all of Tucumcari, N. M. Edward W. Fox, Register 5-16

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Claimant names as witnesses: J. B. Moody, G. M. Buckner, E. T. Damron and H. L. Robertson all of Quay N. M. Edward W. Fox, Register

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Claimant names as witnesses: W. H. Reynolds, David Young, G. A. Young and F. M. Robison all of Murdoch N. M. Edward W. Fox, Register

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